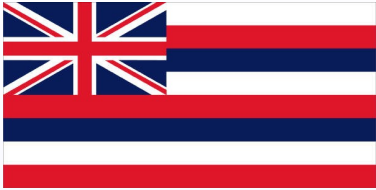


HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL

A SELF-GUIDED TOUR



Symbols of Hawai'i



The State Flag

White, Red, and Blue. Eight stripes representing each of the major islands. The field closely resembles the Union Jack of Great Britain from which the original flag was designed.

State Fish

The *Humuhumunukunukuāpuaʻa* is a rectangular triggerfish meaning "fish with a snout like a pig". It is brown, black, yellow, and blue and can grunt like a pig when cornered.



State Bird

Nēnē, or Hawaiian Goose, is a land bird adapting itself to life in lava surroundings by transforming webbed feet to claw-like feet and modified its wing structure for shorter flights. The nēnē is on the Endangered Species list and protected by law.



State Flower

Ma'o hau hele (yellow hibiscus *brackenridgei*) was picked by the Hawai'i State Legislature as the state flower on June 6, 1988.



State Tree

The *kukui* (Aleurite Moluccana), better known as the candlenut tree, is a plant species introduced from Polynesia. The nuts of this tree provided the Hawaiians with light, oil, relishes, and medicine.



The Capitol Collection Stamp

"The Capitol Collection" is a souvenir passport book with information of the 50 State Capitols of the United States. It can serve as a guide and a way to keep track of what you have seen on your travels.

We have recently joined in this program and now offer the stamp for Hawai'i's Capitol.

The stamp is located on the 4th floor in room 415, Office of Constituent Services.



Special Message from Governor Neil Abercrombie



E komo mai (Welcome) to the State Capitol!

This booklet will provide you with important information about Hawai'i's most prestigious State Government building and the rich culture and history of our State Legislature.

The Hawai'i State Capitol is especially unique, both architecturally and in the way it represents the people of Hawai'i Nei and our Aloha Spirit.

Each and every person working in this building dedicates themselves to public service. Here many dreams have been launched, aspirations realized, and became laws. All citizens are invited to voice their concerns and/or opinions about legislation or issues that affect our state.

Take your time and stroll through the State Capitol. Feel free to greet the Members of the State Senate and State House of Representatives. Stop by and visit the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's offices.

Please enjoy your stay at the Hawai'i State Capitol.

A Hui Hou (Until we meet again). Aloha!

With warmest regards,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i



The Liberty Bell

One of 55 full-sized replicas cast in 1950. The bells were shipped as gifts to the states and territories of the United States to be rung on patriotic occasions.

The bell stands as a reminder of the importance of the democratic principles upon which the United States government was founded.

Korean and Vietnam War Memorial

Designed by the architectural firm of Hughes & Hughes of Honolulu and dedicated in 1994, the wall is a memorial to those patriots from Hawai'i who gave their lives for freedom.



Above each of the memorials is a Hawaiian inscription, in remembrance of the soldiers who died in the Korean and Vietnam wars.



Hawai'i State Art Museum

Located next to the Capitol on Richards Street, the museum showcases the work of various Hawai'i artists. Admission is free. Open Tuesday—Saturday, 10am–4pm.

'Iolani Palace

The only royal palace on American soil, was completed in 1882 at the cost of just under \$360,000. King David Kalākaua and later his sister Queen Lili'uokalani were the only monarchs to occupy the palace.



The palace later served as the legislative and governmental building for the Republic of Hawai'i from 1894, the Territory of Hawai'i from 1900, and the State of Hawai'i from August 21, 1959 until the completion of the present State Capitol in 1969.

SURROUNDING THE CAPITOL



King Kamehameha the Great

The statue of Kamehameha I stands in front of the Aliʻiōlani Hale, the Hawaiʻi Supreme Court Building on King Street across from ʻIolani Palace. He was the first Hawaiian monarch to unite all the islands under one rule. The statue is a creation of Thomas Gould. On special occasions this statue will be draped with leis.

Queen Liliuokalani

The statue, created by Marianna Pineda, represents Hawaiʻi's last reigning monarch. The statue depicts the Queen holding 3 documents in her hand. The first is the song "Aloha ʻOe", which was written by the Queen. The second is the constitution of the kingdom, and lastly is "Kumulipo" the Hawaiian chant of creation.



Washington Place

Across from the State Capitol on Beretania Street is Washington Place, the historic home of Hawaiʻi's governors.

Washington Place was also the residence of Hawaiʻi's last reigning monarch, Queen Liliʻuokalani. The home was named after George Washington by Kamehameha III.

The Eternal Flame

Designed by Bumpei Akaji and dedicated on October 28, 1972, the eternal flame burns as a tribute to the men and women of Hawaiʻi who have served in our armed forces in the defense of freedom and liberty.



Special Message from Lt. Governor Brian Schatz



Aloha. Welcome to the State Capitol!

It is a pleasure to have you visiting with us. I join Governor Neil Abercrombie and the State Legislature in inviting you to explore this magnificent building to discover all of the symbolism of Hawaiʻi contained on the State Capitol grounds.

The open roof, the color of the carpets in the Senate and House of Representatives Chambers,

The number of pillars at the Mauka and Makai entrances, the design of the planters, even the inside of the elevators—each of these areas are symbolic of Hawaiʻi Nei and make the Hawaiʻi State Capitol unique among all the State Capitols across our Nation.

Mahalo for stopping by...*Hele me kahau ʻoli* (Go with Joy)

Aloha,

A handwritten signature of Brian Schatz in black ink.

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaiʻi

Welcome to Hawai'i's State Capitol Building



Mahalo for visiting Hawai'i's State Capitol building. We hope you will find your visit with us enjoyable as well as informational.

Hawai'i's Capitol building was designed by the architectural firm of John Carl Warnecke and Associates of San Francisco, along with local firm Belt, Lemmon and Lo.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on November 11, 1965 and finally dedicated on March 15, 1969 by then Governor John A. Burns.

If you look closely at the building and it's surrounding grounds, you will notice that it was designed to reflect various aspects of nature found in the Hawaiian islands. The distinct openness of the Capitol reflects the open character of the Hawaiian society.

As you stroll through the grounds, take notice of the structure's volcanic shape, a symbol of the islands' birth. The building is surrounded by water, like our island state, and the columns rise like palm trees, which are in abundance on every island. A pattern of eight columns repeats throughout the Capitol representing the eight major islands in the Hawaiian chain.

State Seal

Hanging above both entrances of the Capitol is the state seal. Made of bronze, the seal features a heraldic shield with King Kamehameha I on the left and the Goddess of Liberty holding the Hawaiian flag on the right.



A phoenix is depicted below, surrounded by taro leaves, banana foliage and maidenhair ferns. "1959" represents Hawai'i's admission as the 50th state. At the bottom is the state motto: "*Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono*" (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.)



Hanging on the walls in the reception area are paintings created by some of Hawai'i's most notable artists. Flanking the walls to the entrance of the Ceremonial Room are works of art from the Bishop Museum and the Hawai'i State Art Foundation.



Lining the walls of the ceremonial room are portraits of Hawai'i's past elected governors. In the front of the room is a large koa desk where the Governor holds news conferences, formal bill signings, and greets visiting dignitaries.

Governor and Lieutenant Governor



The fifth floor of the State Capitol Building houses the offices of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

The Governor is the commander-in-chief of the state's armed forces and oversees all state departments, as well as making nominations for the heads of those departments. It is also within the Governor's power to grant pardons, commute sentences, and form commissions and temporary agencies.

The Lieutenant Governor heads special task forces or projects delegated by the Governor, serves as community liaison, and also as Secretary of State. The Office maintains copies of the notices and agenda of public agency meetings for the departments and agencies. In the event that the Governor vacates his seat, the Lieutenant Governor succeeds to that office.



To be eligible to serve as either Governor or Lieutenant Governor, a person must be a qualified voter, at least 30 years old, and have been a resident of Hawai'i for at least five years. Both are limited to serving two four-year terms.



The Executive Chambers

The two doors leading to the Executive Chambers are each covered with eight panels. These panels represent the eight main islands of the state. As you enter the chambers, you will notice that much of the room is built in the native koa wood.

We ask that you follow these few simple rules.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Your safety and well-being are very important to us.

- Take your time and watch your step, especially on the stairs and upon entering/exiting the elevators.
- Do not lean over or climb on the railings.
- Do not place any items on the railings. Falling objects can be a serious hazard to those walking through the courtyard below.

LOOK BUT DON'T TOUCH

Feel free to look and take as many pictures as you want, but please refrain from touching any of the artifacts, art, and woodwork housed in the State Capitol.

Your cooperation in helping us preserve these wonderful pieces of Hawai'i's past and present are greatly appreciated.

KEEP NOISE LEVELS TO A MODERATE LEVEL

While you are enjoying your tour of the Capitol, please keep in mind that there are working offices all around you.

Turn any cell phones, pagers, etc. to silent mode while touring through the Capitol.

Mahalo for your kōkua (cooperation) and please enjoy your tour!

Your walking tour of the Capitol



Saint Damien "*Father Damien Statue*"

Father Joseph Damien de Veuster, also known as the "Martyr of Moloka'i", was known for his work on the island of Moloka'i tending to the physical and spiritual needs of people with leprosy (Hansen's Disease). He died on April 15, 1889 when he contracted the disease himself after sixteen years of service to those on Moloka'i.

On October 11, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI canonized Father Damien de Veuster elevating him to sainthood.

The statue was designed by Marisol Escobar, based on a photograph taken shortly before his death. Its twin resides in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington DC.

State Senate

Aloha,

On behalf of my 24 fellow Hawai'i State Senators I welcome you to our Capitol. We think it is one of the most unique government buildings in the country and we hope you will enjoy your visit here today.

Shan S. Tsutsui

Hawai'i Senate President



As you enter the Capitol courtyard from the "Father Damien" statue, you will find the **Senate Chambers** located on your left.

Shaped to symbolize a volcano, with colors to reflect the ocean and skies with a 620 nautilus shell chandelier representing the moon. The wall tapestry, by Ruthadell Anderson, represents cloud patterns, the ocean, and a double-hulled canoe.

Hawai'i has 25 State Senators.



"Aquarius"

A beautiful mosaic located in the floor of the central court. The 36-foot circular piece, designed by Tadashi Sato, represents the changing colors of our ocean.

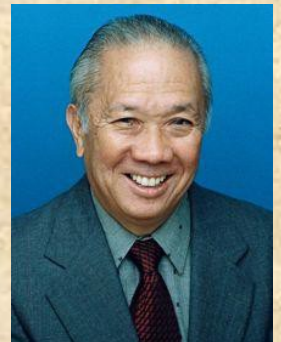
The 4th floor balcony is a good spot to view and take photographs of this mosaic.

State House of Representatives

"E komo mai. No ka hale." In English, this traditional Hawaiian greeting is translated to "Welcome, our house is yours." As Speaker of the House of Representatives, and on behalf of my colleagues, I welcome you to the Chamber of the House of Representatives and the Hawai'i State Capitol. Please enjoy your tour of the chamber gallery as you learn about our young state's government, its history, and the symbolism behind the chamber's unique architecture.

Calvin Say

Speaker Hawai'i House of Representatives



The **House Chamber** located across the courtyard from the Senate Chamber. Also shaped to symbolize a volcano, but with the warmer earth tone colors and a gold-plated brass ball chandelier to represent our sun. Located behind the Speaker's podium is 900,000 knot wool tapestry thought to be in the design of a Hawaiian warrior's cape.

Hawai'i has 51 State Representatives.

**Unfortunately the House and Senate Chambers are currently closed to self-guided tours.*

For Your Convenience

Public Restrooms—Located on the Lower (Chamber) level and the 4th floor.

Snack Shop and ATM—Located on Lower (Chamber) level.

In Case of Emergency—State Capitol Dispatch (808) 586-1352; Room 001